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GRIFF MAKES FIGHT FOR PLAYER SMITH, OF ST. PAUL TEAM

Believes Third Sacker Sold After Draft Was Made and Will Appeal.

JOHNSON WORKS TODAY

By LOUIS DOUGHER.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17.—Manager Griffith is making a fight for Third Baseman Smith, the star of the St. Paul club. The Washington club obtained in the annual draft first choice of the St. Paul club. Griffith wants Smith. He believes the player was sold after the drafting season opened and has asked Dan Johnson to make all necessary investigations. It is found that Smith was illegally sold. Griffith will claim him. If Smith was sold before the draft, the Washington club will get no players in the 1916 draft.

Holke, now playing first base for the Giants, was wanted by Griffith. The Washington club won in the draft first choice of the Rochester club and might have taken Holke, except that he was sold to the Giants a day or so before the drafting season began. No other players will be taken from Rochester.

Today Walter Johnson will be sent to the slab and he will have for an opponent George Slater, the local hero. The game has been widely advertised in the hope of drawing a crowd. Johnson was to have pitched yesterday, but Griffith was prevailed upon to hold him over a day to meet Slater. Last year they battled and the Browns won. Today Johnson hopes to even the count.

Ray Morgan will hardly fill the bill as a shortstop. Compared with McBride in the last two games, he is far and away weaker than his captain. On making double plays, McBride has it all over his understudy, while Morgan is grievously slow on long bouncers that get by the pitcher.

It is doubtful, however, if McBride will be used again this season. He may be excused after the Detroit series and allowed to go home. Shanks will be given a trial at short when Menosky reports in Cleveland, according to the Old Fox.

Claude Thomas, the Des Moines southpaw, probably will start tomorrow's get-away game here. Manager Griffith has been favorably impressed by the youngster, and now wants to see how he looks as a starter. Thomas would hardly get such an opportunity but for the weakness of Harper, the regular southpaw. Harper is not likely to be used for the season, though he has not yet been excused. His arm is still weak and he cannot use a curve ball.

Does Ayers' clever pitching and arm have been his in the opening game gave the Griffins a victory over the Browns, 2 to 1, in the first game of the series. Ayers allowed nine hits, struck out four in the ninth, and bunched on him, and a next double play, Williams to Judge, killed a run in that inning.

Wellman got away to a poor start, but thereafter was invincible. After the first inning, when the Griffins made their two runs, they could not get any more. Morgan, under starter, though Leonard did manage to reach third in the third inning before being stranded.

Ayers looked good at all times, though he weakened a little in the ninth. All in all, he gave an excellent exhibition, and deserved his victory.

Leonard opened the pastime with a sweet single to center. Foster flied, and Miller forced Leonard to second because he began. Smith tore off a double to left, scoring Miller, who had pilfered second. Leonard's drive drove the left field in line brought Smith across.

When Leonard opened the third with a fine double to left and reached third on Foster's sacrifice, Leonard followed with a double and Ayers was in a bad hole until Miller raised a high fly to Smith.

The Hillville physician wavered a bit in the ninth, walking a couple and getting himself into a bad hole. However, when the pitcher came to the job. After fanning Billy Lee, once a Griffins, he passed Rumber and Toton. Morgan was slow coming in for Shotton's hop and the bases were filled. Miller rolled to Foster and it looked like an easy double play. Morgan was slow coming in for Shotton's hop and the bases were filled. Miller rolled to Foster and it looked like an easy double play.

Morgan's slow thinking put Ayers in trouble in the seventh. With one out of the way, Lavin walked, and Wellman grounded to Morgan close to second base. Instead of running to the bag to get Lavin and doubling up Wellman, Morgan, under starter, threw the ball to Foster for a force out and it was then too late to get the slowest Wellman. Morgan was slow coming in for Shotton's hop and the bases were filled. Miller rolled to Foster and it looked like an easy double play.

Edge With Tigers, Is How Cobb Figures It

Red Sox Would Have Won by This Time Had Tris Speaker Been in the Line-up, Says Ty, Who Picks His Team to Come Through at Finish.

By TY COBB, Star Batter of the Detroit Club.

As we all figure the American League race today the edge is with the Tigers, and we believe we are going to win. The hardest job is to set the pace, and the Red Sox have been the pacemakers in the American League for some time. We are coming. They seem to be fading.

Boston has been winning on its pitching, and I don't figure Carrigan carries any better twirlers today than Jennings does. It took our staff a long time to get under way, but once they got moving, they have shown something, and they are all traveling like champions today. Now is when we need the twirling.

Man for man, I believe the rest of our club outpoints Boston by quite a margin. With Speaker on the Red Sox, this would not be true, especially at the rate "Spoke" has been traveling this season. Boston would have the flag won now with Speaker in the batting order.

As for the batting championship, that is not worrying me. I am going in there and playing baseball every day for the club and trying to get ourselves into another championship. I don't believe there ever was a team scrapping for the pennant as hard as we are. There is not a note of discord in the whole organization and everybody is on the job. And, say, I enjoy a fight.

The schedule should play quite a part in deciding the result, and I figure the schedule favors us, but no more than it does the Yankees. He is playing away from home, and he is meeting teams that are fighting for the club and trying to get into a position in the first division. He won't bump into any club that is trying to win.

MONUMENTAL CITY NINE TAKES BOTH

Treasury Easy for Baltimoreans. Richmond Plays Well.

The Treasury amateur champions of this city, was defeated by the Baltimore Fidelity and Deposit team yesterday in the first game of the series. The Monumental team also defeated Richmond, the score being 3 to 2.

The contest between the Washington and Baltimore contingent was very loosely played, the District boys having many opportunities to check back time in each frame. They had runs, but lack of practice and overconfidence proved the locals' undoing. Croson, who started the game for Treasury, was wild as a "march hare." He was relieved by Dust in the second, who twirled excellent ball from then on.

Zack Wheat's Record Stopped by Tie Game

When Zack Wheat scratched a hit to Hal Chase in the fifth inning of the opening game at Ebbets Field, yesterday, it marked the twenty-ninth consecutive game in which he had made one or more hits. His total for the twenty-nine games was forty-four hits, for a batting average of .379.

S. S. C. Wins.

In the first game of the post-season series between the two short pants leagues, S. S. C. C., winners in the Washington Amateur League, defeated the Shamrocks, title holders in the Capital City League, yesterday afternoon on the Monument grounds by a score of 6 to 2. Priel allowed the Shamrock team but one hit, and struck out fourteen men.

Mrs. W. E. Shannon Wins.

In the women's tournament held on the putting course of the Columbia Country Club yesterday afternoon, Mrs. W. E. Shannon won the second leg of the Sheridan Trophy. The cup must be won five times in order to gain permanent possession of it. Mrs. Thomas W. Brabury is the only previous winner.

Finish Round.

Some fine golf was displayed in concluding the first round of the Let's matches for players over forty years of age at the Columbia Country Club. Matches will be played during the week.

Western Runner



MIKE LYNCH, Who Lost Many Pounds and Won Many Races Over the Marathon Route at the Age of Thirty-five.

The big blow to Carrigan was the loss of Jack Barry. While Jack does not look so showy from year to year in the averages, ball players know what he is worth to a club, and the little second baseman held that Red Sox team together. He is rated much higher by big leaguers than by fans.

The work of Sam Crawford lately has been like a shot in the arm to our club. The great outfielder has been resting mostly all season and only pinch hitting now and then, but Jennings figures on using him over the rest of the distance. He is in fine shape, and one of the fastest players ever in the big leagues. With Veach and Crawford, we have two of the hardest hitting outfielders in the trade.

And if you think our club is worrying over the outcome or crabbings, you are all wrong. Sometimes when a team is in a close fight for the championship the players crab all the time. There is a certain type of club that this style benefits, but I don't understand that the old Cubs, under Chance, were that way, and that the Braves with their sanguinary conflict in Chicago, and the Red Sox, with only a few more wins, are making it tough.

It would not surprise me to see the Red Sox finish third. The White Sox carry a terrible punch now, the way Collins and Jackson are going, and the pitchers are making it tough.

The rest of the league is fighting for berths. I think the Yankees should finish fourth, as Donovan has his hospital pretty well cleaned out now, and there is no denying that he has a good ball club when his full strength is in the field.

I believe the pennant race will be settled before the Easterners get back home. (Copyright, 1916, by John N. Wheeler, Inc.)

DISTRICT TOURNEY IN SECOND ROUND

Play in the District championship tennis tournament will be under way today on the courts of the Dumbarton Club, Wisconsin avenue and R street northwest. The third round in the singles competition is expected to be reached by nightfall. Doubles drawings will be made tomorrow, and play started.

All of the local tracks played today yesterday. R. C. Van Vleet, the California crack, and member of the Racquet Club, went to the third round by virtue of two wins. Lou Doyle got to the third round by a default and a win over E. Bowd, of the Racquet Club. Dudley Morgan, Meade Fletcher, Douglas Hillyer, A. J. Gore, John T. Graves, Arthur Sweetser, and Gould Lincoln won their matches.

The Racquet Club and Petworth Club, tied for first place in the Suburban League, will play off the tie today on the courts of the Holmead Club. The acquisition of R. C. Van Vleet is expected to strengthen the Racquet Club considerably.

Paul Treanor, who has entered in the District tournaments for several years past, missed his first start, as "March" was doubles winner with Gore last fall, but is on the border with the last round of the tournament. He is understood.

Harvard Players Have First Real Scrimmage

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 17.—The Harvard football men had only one session yesterday, this being in the morning, when Coach Leary lined up his varsity string candidates for their first scrimmage of the season.

Although the play was at the substitutes' end of the field, the regulars not only did not score, but made only one first down. The substitutes did not do even so well as that.

The first line-up was: Hartley, left end; Hatcher, left tackle; Bates, left guard; Harris, center; Clark, right guard; Lovell, right tackle; Lakens, right end; Murray, quarterback; Bond and Harwood, halfbacks; and Flower, fullback.

Flower did some excellent kicking for the regulars while Minot made one fifty-five yard punt for the substitutes. The linemen on both teams were on a par today, and the play, though driven fast, was very crude.

Harvard Wins.

HAVERFORD, Pa., Sept. 17.—George C. Caner and Richard H. Hart captured the Intercollegiate doubles tennis title for Harvard on the Merion cricket club's courts yesterday, defeating H. F. Praffman and W. H. Whitehouse, also cricketers. They won in three straight sets 6-3, 6-1, 6-2. Caner defeated his teammate Praffman in singles and Harvard won permanent possession of the silver trophy.

Lippincott Back.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.—Don Lippincott, the crack sprinter, who was forced out of competition due to an injury, returned to the University of Pennsylvania yesterday.

Wife's Good Cooking Enables Him to Win

Mike Lynch, Veteran Distancer, and Carroll Institute Captain, Lays the Foundation of His Running Ability to Efforts of Better Half.

By BRYAN MORSE.

"I am often asked why I should indulge in long-distance running, being thirty-five years of age and the father of three boys and three girls," says Mike Lynch, "but my answer is, I have always taken good care of myself, I don't smoke or drink, and to my wife's good cooking I attribute my condition. On two weeks' notice I can get ready for a marathon, though a veteran at the game, as I am always in condition."

All of which serves to introduce Washington's veteran distancer, Mike Lynch, captain of the Carroll Institute cross-country team and winner of innumerable medals at varying distances.

In many ways Mike Lynch is an ideal athlete. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1881, and ran his first race when seventeen years of age at Nodd, County Cork, winning over a five-mile route. This initial victory gave him a younger taste of the game, which he was forced to give up until twenty-six years of age.

In 1909 Lynch came to this country and located in Danbury, Conn. After three years in this country he married and entered business in Washington. At that time he weighed 200 pounds and was a well known athlete.

It is well known that Walter J. Travis took up golf and became amateur champion in the age of thirty-five. Several of the famous weight throwers in the country try well up over 200 and are fairly well advanced over the age of thirty. Think of a 200-pounder, twenty-six years of age, starting an athletic career via the "marathon distance!" And yet that's just what Lynch did.

"I got fleshy, as I gave up taking exercise," reports Lynch, "and about 1907 I weighed 200 pounds, although too much for me. I suffered from indigestion, and went to my family physician, who advised me to take exercise as well as plenty of walking. I joined the Carroll Institute Club and reported to Prof. Joyce, and after a few days' training I was able to do more and more." In the meantime, I was running with Pete Malloy, a Philadelphia runner, and it was not long before I could make him go his best in order to beat me.

"Every day I used to take my exercise, and I finished up with a quarter or half mile."

In 1909, Lynch went to Prof. Joyce and asked permission to scout out the Carroll team. Several runners were approached and enlisted under Lynch, and the Carroll Institute team, in two years, by persistent effort, the Carroll team won the South Atlantic championship, and has been practically invincible as a team since that date.

In the meantime Lynch, by sticking to the running game had gained in development. On July 4, 1910, Lynch went into the municipal games and landed second place in the five-mile race, with only a yard to spare. Entering the South Atlantic championship games, Lynch won the five-mile race, and a half mile race, which was won by Max.

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O'Reilly and the men of No. 7, toiled on Georgetown Field every day, with the result that No. 7 cleaned up for the meet and won the high individual trophy with Officer B. C. Kuehling.

The meet was a veritable Georgetown triumph, and Captain Falvey is all smiles. Charlie Cox also had a hand in training the pre-team men as he took charge until O'Reilly got back from Boston.

Football in real earnest will start tomorrow. Georgetown, George Washington, Gallaudet, Catholic University, and practically all of the high schools will get under way.

A promise of snappy weather should put a deal of pep in the work. Some thirty men are working out at Georgetown while the Maryland Aggies boast more than that number.

Yale Players Expect Results From Coaches

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 17.—There's one thing about the Yale football situation this year that has impressed itself on all who have seen any part of the practice so far and that is the serious businesslike manner in which Walter Camp, Tad Jones and the resident members of the football coaching staff have gone about their duties in an effort to get the Elis started again on the right football track.

The coaching so far has been of the sternest, firmest kind. It has been hard and exacting.

The confidence that Yale men have in the ability of Camp, Jones, Bridges, Marting, O'Leary, and Yale has ever had to pick a team from the feeling is abroad that Yale will be heard from during the preliminary and championship games.

Hold Second Practice.

The Westover Juniors will hold their second workout this afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp. A long signal will be followed by a short scrimmage will be the order of the work today.

Hollow Victory.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 17.—Princeton won the Intercollegiate golf championship title by defeating Harvard on the links of the Oakmont Country Club at Oakmont yesterday. The score was 9 to 6.

HAVE DE GRACE ON START SECOND WEEK

Brilliant Finish of Race Meeting Predicted With Arrival of Belmont Horses.

By PAROLE.

Tomorrow Havre de Grace enters upon the second week of its meeting with every prospect of making a brilliant finish. The racing during the past week, while close and exciting in the main, lacked something in class. Now that the horses from Belmont Park have arrived on the scene the program will improve and this week should see racing of a high character.

A notable feature of the meeting is the big bunch of eleven two-year-olds on hand whose struggles to graduate furnish some of the most interesting sport, although they are proving a trifle perplexing to the talent.

The Chesterbrook handicap, which brought the best field of horses seen anywhere this year, attracted a banner attendance which taxed the accommodations of the Harford County track. The whole plant was over run and it was hardly possible to stick a pin in anywhere. Captain Dubois of the Pinkertons said it was far and away the biggest crowd ever seen at Havre de Grace. It was a most convincing proof that class will sell and that the best in racing is in everything else will play the best.

It was a great field that went to the post in the Chesterbrook, made up of the very cream of the handicap horses in training and they made a great race.

Capra and Bayberry Candle made the early pace and made it hot. On the stretch Bayberry moved up to the leaders fast but the pace was too hot and the Whitney crack fell back. On the stretch Capra favored the Fin. Borrow's race was something of a disappointment. The Whitney did not run up to his work.

Roamer, which had been messed about all the way, came with a rush through the stretch and took the place from Stronboli. Many thought that with better racing luck and a better ride, Roamer might have won. The race was a bit doubtful if the Miller horse could have beaten the Fin under yesterday's conditions. The track, a bit slow, favored the Fin.

In the opening event Murphy, although beaten by Yankee Notions, showed himself a much better horse than he has generally been rated. Murphy's reputation has been that of a speedy but rather faint-hearted nag. Yesterday, however, he showed a different side, and stood a hard drive from end to end. The wise fist claimed that Hedrick got a gold brick when he took the bit away from the horse. It may be that Herr Hedrick knew what he was doing.

Top of the Wave, which won the maiden two-year-old event, was something of a surprise to the wise fellows, who generally rated him as a second-rate horse. To come along and win the Wave, at 7 to 1, is a come along and win handily. The wise fellows were very confident that the Golden Rod would win, and advised his friends to unbelt to the limit. The Whitney filly has evidently been overrated. It is little tough for Albert Simons that Jimmy Rowe keeps leading him up with a bunch of counterfeits.

Halfback Vidal Scramges In West Point Scrimmage

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Two touchdowns, from which goals were kicked, and one field goal was the sum total of the action in the first real scrimmage of the Army's football season.

Lining up a formidable eleven against a strong second team, the Army sent the men through two twenty-minute sessions of rough work. Vidal, who has played star football at the University of South Dakota for the last two years, scored both touchdowns and kicked the field goal.

The Army's other star halfback, O'Leary, converted both touchdowns into goals. The first score came on the second play, when Vidal received the ball on the 40-yard line and ran the remaining distance for the tally. Ford and O'Leary then ripped holes in the scrubs until the ball was brought down to the 20-yard line, where Vidal was again sent away for a score.

Pritchard and Merrill, the Army star forward line play on Golden Rod, kept the defense from getting a foothold until the end of the session.

League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.				
Teams.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Lost.
Detroit	82	66	.557	70-10
Chicago	81	66	.554	70-10
Cleveland	79	68	.537	70-10
Boston	78	69	.529	70-10
New York	70	62	.530	70-10
Pittsburgh	68	64	.515	70-10
St. Louis	67	65	.510	70-10
Philadelphia	66	66	.500	70-10
Washington	62	70	.469	70-10
St. Paul	58	74	.446	70-10
Minneapolis	57	75	.433	70-10
San Francisco	56	76	.426	70-10

Where They Play.

TODAY.			
Wash. at St. Louis.	Wash. at St. Louis.	St. Louis at Wash.	St. Louis at Wash.
N. Y. at Cleveland.	N. Y. at Cleveland.	Cleveland at N. Y.	Cleveland at N. Y.
Phila. at Detroit.	Phila. at Detroit.	Detroit at Phila.	Detroit at Phila.
Chi. at St. Paul.	Chi. at St. Paul.	St. Paul at Chi.	St. Paul at Chi.

Yesterday's Results.

TODAY.			
N. Y. 3, Phila. 2.	Brook. 1, Cin. 1.	St. Louis 4, Wash. 3.	Phila. 6, Chi. 4.
St. Paul 3, Minn. 2.	Chi. 4, Wash. 3.	Brook. 4, Cin. 3.	

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